

Claims

1. Television data receiving apparatus which allows the display of a series of programmes at at least one location from data received, means for receiving data relating to and for generating an electronic programme guide at said location, which guide indicates the schedule of programmes and other information which can be displayed via the apparatus and means whereby the display of a programme or programmes can be delayed and or interrupted and data received for the remaining programme and/or subsequent programmes stored in a memory means for selective display at a later time and characterised in that the electronic programme guide at that location is adjusted in response to the delay in display of the remainder of the programme and/or subsequent programmes so as to provide synchronisation of the adjusted electronic programme guide details with the display of the remainder of the programme and/or subsequent programmes.

a 2. Television data receiving apparatus according to claim 1 ^{wherein} ~~characterised in that~~ the schedule generated for the electronic programme guide is linked to the use of the local memory at the location and display so as to automatically reflect scheduling adjustments caused by the time shifting of broadcast programmes by the user selecting to delay the display of a programme.

a 3. Television data receiving apparatus according to claim 1 ^{wherein} ~~characterised in that~~ the electronic programme guide generating means receives a first signal to indicate the commencement of a delay in broadcast of programme data and commencement of storage of the same in the memory and a second signal to indicate when the viewing of the said data recommences and adjusts the electronic programme

guide to take into account the time period between said first and second signals.

- a 4. Television data receiving apparatus according to claim 3 ^{wherein} ~~characterised in that~~ the said signal or additional signals are received by the means for generating the electronic programme guide and indicate the particular programme and channel which has been selectively delayed by the user.

- a 5. Television data receiving apparatus according to claim 1 ^{wherein} ~~characterised in that~~ the electronic programme guide is adjusted by generating an additional display feature which indicates the actual viewing schedule of the user, including any delays in viewing of programmes.

6. Television data receiving apparatus according to claim 5 wherein the electronic programme guide is displayed as a grid with a number of rows, each indicating a channel and located with respect to a time band, and if a selected delay of a programme is made by the user an additional row is generated on the electronic programme guide to indicate the real time viewing schedule for the user at that apparatus location and including the delay.

7. Television programme data receiving apparatus which allows the display of a series of programmes at at least one location from data received, means for receiving data relating to and for generating an electronic programme guide at said location, which guide indicates the schedule of programmes and other information which can be displayed via the apparatus and means whereby the display of a programme or programmes can be selectively delayed and or interrupted by the user of the apparatus at the location and data which is then received for the remaining programme and/or

subsequent programmes which have been delayed stored in a memory means for selective display on the apparatus at a later time and characterised in that the electronic programme guide at that location is adjusted in response to the localised delay in display of the remainder of the programme and/or subsequent programmes so as to synchronise the adjusted electronic programme guide details to take into account the delay in display of programme material.